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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: SAFE-Excess Burroughs Equipment

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1. Attached is a draft memorandum from the SAFE Contracting Officer, [redacted] to the Office of Logistics requesting them to advise General Services Administration (GSA) of the Burroughs 6900 computers which are excess to our needs. I understand that [redacted] and [redacted] have discussed the possibility of placing these systems at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Coast Guard. To avert a potential conflict where GSA and your staff find customers at the same time, we will withhold notice to GSA until 15 June.

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2. Background - As you may remember, the SAFE redirection was based on utilizing IBM hardware. Thus, the Burroughs equipment became excess to Agency needs. The Office of Data Processing's Management Staff began an effort to place these systems in the Intelligence Community. In fact, this became part of the final TRW/Burroughs settlement. Now, however, we are closing the Development Facility (DF) in Torrance, California, on 31 July as the project has moved to Washington. The remaining B6900's must be disposed of as soon as possible.

Our main concern is if we do not act quickly that we will have to pay for disassembly and storage (on a non-reimbursement basis) after 31 July. Also, we do not want to move the systems more than necessary.

Consequently, I have instructed the SAFE Program manager to wait until 15 June 1983 before alerting GSA to the availability of the Burroughs equipment. This will give [redacted] sufficient time to determine the firmness of the DEA and Coast Guard leads. Should these become firm in that time, we would, of course, react accordingly.

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Attachment

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